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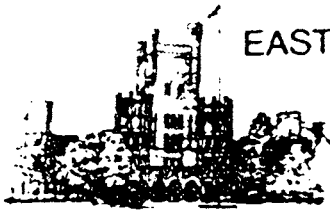
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CHARLESTON, IL-Mark Christhilf, associate professor of English at Eastern Illinois University, has recently had a book, W.S. Merwin the Mythmaker, published by the University of Missouri press.

In this study of Merwin, a Pulitzer Prize winning 20th century poet, Christhilf examines the mythic tales and symbols surrounding Merwin's career.

Christhilf, also a practicing poet, has had his work appear in such journals as Kansas Quarterly, The Yale Literary Magazine, Modern Age and Midwest Quarterly.